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## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of customizing a rule-based application, the method comprising:

designating a customizable element of a set as a customizable template, the customizable element being selected by an end-user;

compiling said customizable element into at least one object to form a ruleset;

parsing said set to detect said customizable element designated as a customizable template; and

enabling a customization of said rule-based application in a deployment environment

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said set comprises a ruleset.
- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising customizing said customizable element.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said <u>customizable</u> element comprises a variable.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said <u>customizable</u> element comprises a rule.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said <u>customizable</u> element comprises a ruleset.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising designating a ruleset of said set as a customizable ruleset template.

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- (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising generating a customized ruleset from the customizable ruleset template.
- 10. (Cancelled)
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising enabling customization in a development environment.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising re-editing a previously generated rule.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a new ruleset is generated from a customizable ruleset template, and a pre-existing customizable rule template is associated with said new ruleset and is unchanged.
- 14. 31. (Cancelled)
- 32. A method of customizing a rule-based application, the method (New) comprising:

designating a customizable element of a set as a customizable template, the customizable element being selected by an end-user, where the customizable element is one of: a variable, a rule, or a ruleset;

compiling said customizable element into at least one object to form a ruleset;

parsing said set to detect said customizable element designated as a customizable template;

enabling customization of said rule-based application in a deployment environment; and

customizing said customizable element in said deployment environment, where said customizing comprises generating a new ruleset from a customizable ruleset 06/23/2008 16:38 FAX 732 530 9808

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template, and where a pre-existing customizable rule template is associated with said new ruleset and is unchanged.